

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A broadcast reception device comprising:
reception means for receiving a broadcast signal; and
time information acquisition means for performing an operation
searching for and acquiring time information for counting a current time,
5 said time information acquisition means including:
signal extraction means extracting from the broadcast signal
received by said reception means a broadcast signal corresponding to a
designated channel; and
10 search means searching for said time information from the broadcast
signal extracted by said signal extraction means, wherein whenever a
desired channel is designated said time information acquisition means
cancels the acquisition operation currently performed and performs the
acquisition operation with respect to said desired channel currently
designated.
2. The broadcast reception device of claim 1, further comprising
processing means started when a decision to acquire time information is not
indicated with respect to a search performed on said desired channel by said
search means for said time information, wherein said processing means
5 designates a channel unsearched by said search means for said time
information and causes said time information acquisition means to perform
the acquisition operation.
3. The broadcast reception device of claim 1, further comprising
channel designation means for designating said desired channel via an
external operation.
4. The broadcast reception device of claim 3, wherein said channel
designation means includes means for selecting and designating said
desired channel from a channel group allowing a corresponding broadcast
signal to be received by said reception means.

5 5. The broadcast reception device of claim 4, further comprising processing means started when a decision to acquire time information is not indicated with respect to a search performed on said desired channel by said search means for said time information, wherein said processing means designates a channel unsearched by said search means for said time information and causes said time information acquisition means to perform the acquisition operation.

6. The broadcast reception device of claim 4, wherein said channel designation means further includes channel list display means displaying said channel group in a list.

5 7. The broadcast reception device of claim 6, further comprising processing means started when a decision to acquire time information is not indicated with respect to a search performed on said desired channel by said search means for said time information, wherein said processing means designates a channel unsearched by said search means for said time information and causes said time information acquisition means to perform the acquisition operation.

8. The broadcast reception device of claim 3, wherein said channel designation means includes means for selecting and designating said desired channel from a channel group with a corresponding broadcast signal transmitted thereon.

5 9. The broadcast reception device of claim 8, further comprising processing means started when a decision to acquire time information is not indicated with respect to a search performed on said desired channel by said search means for said time information, wherein said processing means designates a channel unsearched by said search means for said time information and causes said time information acquisition means to perform the acquisition operation.

10. The broadcast reception device of claim 8, wherein said channel designation means further includes channel list display means displaying said channel group in a list.

5 11. The broadcast reception device of claim 10, further comprising processing means started when a decision to acquire time information is not indicated with respect to a search performed on said desired channel by said search means for said time information, wherein said processing means designates a channel unsearched by said search means for said time information and causes said time information acquisition means to perform the acquisition operation.

12. The broadcast reception device of claim 3, wherein said channel designation means includes means for directly designating said desired channel.

5 13. The broadcast reception device of claim 12, further comprising processing means started when a decision to acquire time information is not indicated with respect to a search performed on said desired channel by said search means for said time information, wherein said processing means designates a channel unsearched by said search means for said time information and causes said time information acquisition means to perform the acquisition operation.

5 14. The broadcast reception device of claim 3, further comprising processing means started when a decision to acquire time information is not indicated with respect to a search performed on said desired channel by said search means for said time information, wherein said processing means designates a channel unsearched by said search means for said time information and causes said time information acquisition means to perform the acquisition operation.

15. A broadcast reception method comprising the steps of:

receiving a broadcast signal; and
acquiring time information, performing an operation searching for
and acquiring time information for counting a current time, the step of
5 acquiring including the steps of:
extracting a broadcast signal corresponding to a designated channel
from a broadcast signal received at the step of receiving; and
searching for said time information from a broadcast signal
10 extracted at the step of extracting, wherein whenever a desired channel is
designated the step of acquiring cancels the acquisition operation currently
performed and performs the acquisition operation with respect to said
desired channel currently designated.